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UVA MAKES EARLY CHARGE TO TAKE 4-3 DECISION OVER FLORIDA STATE MEN'S TENNIS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – A good ending and a good beginning was not enough for the Florida State University men's tennis team in its attempted to upend No. 19 Virginia. The Seminoles won the doubles point and the last two singles matches, but by the time singles was over, the Cavaliers had already prevailed 4-3.

The loss snaps a two-match winning streak for No. 45 Florida State as they fall to 7-5 overall with a 1-1 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Virginia stays undefeated in the league at 2-0 while improving to 11-2 on the year. UVA also stopped a three-game losing streak to the Seminoles.

"Obviously we played well at number one and two at both singles and doubles," FSU head man **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "The team is really competing well, but we're just a little bit away from getting it all done. The key match was at number five where Chris had a few set points. If he takes that set then he has a good chance to win the match and that would have made the difference."

Getting the match off on the right foot was the Tribe's doubles play as they captured the first point of the evening. At number one, the Seminoles pulled off an upset when the No. 22 tandem of **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) and **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) topped #17 Ryan Rizza and Nick Meythaler 8-2.

Clinching the point was the victory at number two as **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) prevailed 8-3 over Marko Miklo and Stephen Rozek. UVA took its only doubles match when Darrien Cohen and Doug Stewart won 8-0 over the Seminoles. **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) and **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla.) at number three.

Unfortunately that would be the only point Florida State would win until the match was already decided. After splitting the first two sets 6-4, 4-6 with #24 Stewart, Cloer rallied in the third set to win 6-2 and defend is new ranking at No. 20. The other Seminole triumph also came in three sets as Sucupira took his number two bout with Rozek 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

"Stewart is the only guy that Mat lost to last year in the ACC and he's a top-20 player so it was good to see Mat come out and get a victory," Hultquist noted. "Jonathas is starting to really turn it on and play some excellent tennis."

The battle in the middle and the bottom of the line-up when Virginia's way as the Cavaliers took the four singles matches to pick up the team victory. At number three, Rizza prevailed 6-2, 6-2 over Groslimond and Miklo posted a 6-1, 6-3 triumph versus Webb. Ending a six-match winning streak was Westerhof as he fell 7-6 (4), 6-2 to Meythaler at number five. The decisive point came at number six where Cohen beat **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil) 6-3, 6-1.

Next up for Florida State is a non-conference match at #32 Miami on Friday at 6 p.m.

Box Score

#19 Virginia 4, #45 Florida State 3

Doubles

No. 1: #22 Groslimond/Westerhof (FSU) d. #17 Rizza/Meythaler (UVA) 8-2

No. 2: Cloer/Sucupira (FSU) d. Miklo/Rozek (UVA) 8-3

No. 3: Cohen/Stewart (UVA) d. Webb / Joe Bassett (FSU) 8-0

Singles

No. 1: #20 Mat Cloer (FSU) d. #24 Doug Stewart (UVA) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2

No. 2: Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) d. Stephen Rozek (UVA) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3

No. 3: Ryan Rizza (UVA) d. Jeff Groslimond (FSU) 6-2, 6-2

No. 4: Marko Miklo (UVA) d. Chip Webb 6-1, 6-3

No. 5: Nick Meythaler (UVA) d. Chris Westerhof (FSU) 7-6 (4), 6-2

No. 6: Darrin Cohen (UVA) d. Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU) 6-3, 6-1